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Representation from National Tannary Shramik Employees Union

3181. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received representation from National Tannary Shramik and Employees Union (CITU), Calcutta urging for immediate constitution of Board of Directors to manage the affairs of the Comany in view of demise of J.G. Kumaramangalam; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Memorandum regarding Sarabhai Group of Companies

3182. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated the 22nd August, 1987 was submitted to the Ministry of Industry by the All India Confederation of Mercantile and Commercial Employees, Calcutta;

(b) whetther the said memorandum dealt with the problems of the Sarabhai group of pharmaceutical companies and its employees;

(c) if so, what are the salient features of the memorandum;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to solve the problems mentioned in the said memorandum; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Sarabhai group of companies manufacture life saving drugs; if so, whether Government have given priority to sort out the problems listed in the memorandum in view of country's need for life saving drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The memorandum related to the state of affairs in Sarabhai group of companies. It was, *inter-alia*, stated that the companies of Sarabhai group were amalgamated into one corporate entity in 1977, but subsequently split into three specialised autonomous companies, that the group which was one of the fastest growing business house ranking sixth in the list of top 20 industrial houses was struggling for survival and that there was danger to the job security of workers. It was requested that Government should intervene in the affiairs of Sarabhai group

in the interest of the people at large and arrange an early tripartite meeting to safeguard the interests of workers and industrial peace in general.

(d) The allegations made in the memorandum do not *prima-facie* relate to contravention of the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and MRTP Act, 1969. As regards the alleged refusal of management to negotiate on the charter of demands submitted by the employees, the matter has been brought to the notice of the State Government of Gujarat who are the appropriate authority under the Industrial Disputes Act 1947 to deal with it.

(e) Sarabhai group of companies are making a number of important drugs like antibiotics, sulpha drugs, Cardio Vascular, Anti-inflamatory, Analgesic, Anaesthetic, Vitamins, etc. There are other companies also manufacturing these drugs.

Irregularities in the formation of Telecommunication Advisory Committee

3183. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a memorandum dated the 4th May, 1988 was received by Government from Bankura Chamber of Commerce and Industry alleging irregularities in the formation of Telecommunication Advisory Committee for West Bengal Circle; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the allegations and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bankura Chamber of Commerce and Industry had represented that they had not been duly represented on the West Bengal Telecommunication Advisory Committee.

While reconstituting West Bengal Telecommunication Advisory Committee, recommendations received from various Chambers of Commerce (including Bankura Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry were considered alongwith those of others.

It has not been possible to nominate their representative in the West Bengal Telecommunication Advisory Committee due to limited number of seats.

Sorting out of problems of P&T employees through JCM

3184. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the issues relating to common problems of Postal and Telecommunication employees which are pending with the Joint Consultative Machinery (Departmental Council);

(b) the details of items on which agreement was arrived at;

(c) the details of items on which agreement could not be arrived at and referred for arbitration;

(d) the details of issues which have been decided by Arbitration Board; and

(e) the details of issues decided by Arbitration Board and accepted/not implemented by the P&T Department ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (e) The erstwhile P&T Department was bifurcated into two Departments namely Department of Posts and Department of Telecom in 1985. Consequently the erstwhile P&T Departmental Council was bifurcated. After bifurcation no common problems are being considered by either of the Councils. Each Council is considering separate problems pertaining to individual Departments. As such the question of common problems pending in the JCM does not arise.